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Biofuel Task Force Testimony

Dear Mr. Clarke,

I attended the Task Force meeting last night in Lenox. After hearing some of the testimony presented, I wanted to add my own testimony to be considered by the Task Force members. I have been a resident of Massachusetts for the past 15 years. I have worked in the Paper Manufacturing industry. As we all know, this industry, as well as industry in general, is leaving the state. Along with these industries, Massachusetts is losing good jobs that bring in much needed tax revenue. I would encourage the Task Force to expedite legislation or regulations that would encourage the biofuel industry to set up shop in this state. I don't think that it would be wise to wait until we are sure that the raw materials needed for this industry comes from only the best possible sources. I agree that we should always strive for continuous improvement, but delaying the development of this industry will only cause Massachusetts to lose more jobs, more people and more tax revenues to other states and countries.

Sincerely,

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